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TO

Amend the Law relating to the Weekly Close Season for Salmon in Tidal Waters in Ireland, and for other purposes connected with Salmon Fishing.

A.D. 1884.

**WHEREAS** it is of great importance to the working classes in Ireland that as much employment as possible should be provided for them :

And whereas since the passing of the Salmon Fishing Ireland Act, 1863, the employment of many persons of that class who are lawfully engaged in fishing for salmon or trout by means of legal nets in the estuaries and tidal parts of rivers and on the sea coast in Ireland has been considerably curtailed by being prevented from fishing for the said fish during the Saturdays in each week and during other times and by certain modes to their great loss and injury :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Salmon Fishery (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1884. Short title.

2. This Act shall not apply to England or Scotland.

*Application  
of Act.  
Weekly close  
season.*

3. There shall be repealed so much of the twentieth section of the Act of the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh Victoria chapter one hundred and fourteen as provides that no salmon or trout shall be fished for or taken in any way, except by single rod and line, between six of the clock on Saturday morning and six of the clock on the succeeding Monday morning, so far only as the said weekly close season relates to the taking of salmon or trout by means of moveable nets, or nets not called or known as fixed nets or fixed engines or boxes, cribs or cruives in fishing weirs ; and the said Act shall be construed as if it had been enacted therein that no salmon or trout shall be taken or fished for by means of draft, seine, snap, drift, or other moveable nets between *six of the clock on Saturday*

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A.D. 1884. *evening and six of the clock on the succeeding Monday morning:*  
 Provided always, that the time during which it shall not be lawful  
 to take salmon or trout by means of any bag net, stake net or  
 Scotch weir, head weir, or any other fixed engine, or by means  
 of boxes, cribs, or cruives, in any weir shall remain as fixed by that  
 Act, viz., from six of the clock on Saturday morning to six of  
 the clock on the succeeding Monday morning.

Close season  
for trout.

4. There shall be repealed so much of the forty-fifth section of  
 the thirteenth and fourteenth Victoria chapter eighty-eight as fixes  
 the close season for trout to be the same as that which may have  
 been or may be fixed for certain lakes and rivers in respect of salmon  
 fishing; and in lieu thereof the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries may,  
 upon taking the necessary steps as directed by the provisions of the  
 Salmon Fisheries Acts before changing the season for salmon or  
 trout fisheries, fix a different season for trout to that for salmon in  
 any river or lake if they shall so think fit; and such decision shall  
 be published in the same manner as directed by the Salmon  
 Fisheries Acts in cases of changes of season for salmon fishing.

Power to  
alter close  
season in  
different  
parts of  
rivers.

5. The Inspectors of Irish Fisheries shall after the passing of  
 this Act have power to fix a different close season for salmon fishing  
 in different parts of the tidal waters or estuaries of rivers or in or on  
 the sea coast or in different parts of the upper or freshwater parts of  
 rivers: Provided always, that the close season so fixed by them  
 during which it shall not be lawful to take salmon or trout by  
 means of nets and all other engines save single rods and lines, shall  
 not comprise fewer than one hundred and twenty-four days in each  
 year notwithstanding anything in any Act to the contrary.

Half trawl  
net not to be  
deemed a  
fixed net.

6. The net commonly called "the half trawl net," used in many  
 parts of the coast of Ireland for the capture of salmon or trout shall  
 not be deemed to be a fixed net or fixed engine anything in any Act  
 to the contrary notwithstanding.



**Salmon Weekly Close  
Time (Ireland).**

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